

# MICHIGAN TAKES SHOOTING HONORS

Makes Remarkable Score and Is Awarded Championship Trophy.

Washington, D. C., May 24.—The battleship Michigan, commanded by Captain Nathaniel R. Usher, is the premier ship of the American navy. In the spring battle practice, just concluded, the Michigan scored 95,523 points of merit, and will be awarded the gunnery championship trophy, a red pennant, with a black stripe in the center, which will fly from her masthead until the honor is wrested from her by a sister ship.

The Michigan far outclassed every other battleship or cruiser in the navy. Her most successful approach in marksmanship being the North Dakota with 72,948 points. The New Hampshire, whose splendid firing battered the old battleship San Marcos into a mass of twisted steel and sent her to the bottom of Chesapeake Bay in the recent ordnance tests, made the poorest record of all the ships in her general rating, being credited with only 14,330 points.

The standing of the ships with their points of merit follows: Michigan, 95,523; North Dakota, 72,948; South Dakota, 70,366; Maryland, 61,834; Virginia, 55,702; Vermont, 48,917; California, 43,316; Pennsylvania, 39,284; Connecticut, 42,497; West Virginia, 29,025; Illinois, 34,801; Rhode Island, 21,371; Louisiana, 23,593; Kansas, 21,824; South Carolina, 21,389; Minnesota, 21,824; Georgia, 21,271; Connecticut, 13,922; Nebraska, 13,377; New Hampshire, 14,330.

# GREATER SCANDAL MAYBE UNEARTHED

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Constitution of the United States. He spoke against the adoption of the resolution.

Senator Heyburn declared that the Borch resolution, by not requiring the State Legislatures to fix the time, place and manner of electing Senators, might at some time compel the national government through inaction of the States to assume control of these States as if they were Territories. He asserted that it is not the people themselves who are demanding direct election.

He asserted that these State Legislatures which had petitioned for popular elections acted without due consideration, "in response to the appeals of the selfish interests of self-serving men."

"I protest," said Mr. Martin, the new senator from New Jersey, rising suddenly. "That is not the case. Every Democratic and every Republican convention, county and State, recently held in New Jersey, have unequivocally demanded the change. While the interests have opposed it," Mr. Heyburn explained that by "interests" he had not meant to classify the people as rich and poor.

Confirmed by Senate.

Washington, May 24.—John V. Morgan, of New York, was confirmed by the Senate to-day to be American minister to Portugal. He now is minister to Paraguay and Uruguay, and his shift to the European post is caused by the recent transfer of Minister Henry S. Routt to be minister to Switzerland.

Gates Summoned to Appear.

Washington, May 24.—John W. Gates has been summoned to appear Saturday before the House "Steel Trust" investigating committee to tell what he knows of the taking over of the Carnegie and Laclede steel corporations by the United States Steel Corporation.

To-morrow the committee will meet in executive session, when Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor will explain the report of Herbert Knox Smith, of the Bureau of Corporations, who made an investigation of the corporation.

Chairman Stanley, of the committee, said today the hearings on the matter will be held in Washington, some in New York, and probably one session in Chicago. Mr. Gates asked to be heard quickly, because of his desire to go abroad as soon as possible. Other officials of the steel corporation will be summoned from time to time. E. H. Gary is expected to testify next week.

Caucus Call Issued.

Washington, May 24.—The caucus of Democratic members of the House of Representatives to consider the revised wool tariff schedule to be submitted by the majority of the Ways and Means Committee has been called, to be held in the hall of the House on Wednesday, June 1. The call was issued today by Representative Burleson, of Texas, chairman of the party caucus. Nothing but the wool tariff will be considered. The caucus is a preliminary to the House committee on the House committee on the Ways and Means Committee selection at the opening of Congress. Between now and the first week in June no business will be transacted in the House. Nothing of importance is before it, and nothing will be ready for action until the caucus has passed upon the wool bill. That raw wool will not be placed on the free list there now seems to be no doubt. The tentative draft of the bill will place an ad valorem duty on the product, probably about 5 cents a pound, which is a cut of 50 per cent. from the present duty. Manufactured wools will be cut from 30 to 60 per cent.

New Company Mustered In.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Winchester, Va., May 24.—Company I, Second Regiment of Virginia Volunteers, of which Commonwealth's Attorney James P. Readon is captain,

was formally mustered in to-night by Inspector General Jo Lane Stern, of Richmond, who telegraphed to-day to the Adjutant-General at Richmond for uniforms and other equipment for fifty-nine enlisted men and three commissioned officers.

ADRIPT IN A BALLOON.

Havarian Officer Has Thrilling Adventure as Unwilling Passenger.

Ingolstadt, Bavaria, May 24.—An officer of the garrison here had a thrilling ride to-day when a military balloon broke loose from its anchorage. The officer was a novice at ballooning, and was unable to manipulate the gas valve. Finally, when the balloon had reached the height of 16,500 feet the officer clambered to the top of the gas bag and succeeded in wrenching open the valve. Then the balloon began a headlong descent near Munich, which is fifty miles distant from here. As the balloon was nearing the ground its occupant jumped into a tree and was only slightly injured. Relieved of his weight, the balloon again ascended, and was later found near Innsbruck, Austria.

GASOLINE NEAR FIRE.

Big Tank Does Not Explode, Although Flames Surround It.

New York, May 24.—A \$150,000 fire, with a big tank full of gasoline in the middle of it, kept the firemen busy for several hours early to-day on West One Hundred and Fifteenth Street, between Eighth and Manhattan Avenues. The gasoline did not explode, although blue flames from the burning vapor played about the opening of the pipe that led from the tank where it was stored.

The flames destroyed the yard of the C. E. Ross Lumber Company, piled high with lumber stock; the one-story office building where it started, and which contained the gasoline, burned out the rear of four apartment houses, and consumed five smaller wooden buildings.

SOAKS FLOORS WITH OIL.

Incendiarist Then Starts Fire Which Dispossessed Fifteen Families.

New York, May 24.—A painstaking incendiary gained entrance early this morning to a six-story tenement on Willis Avenue, the Bronx, and saturated the wooden floors of every hall from the cellar to roof with kerosene. On the fourth floor he broke into a vacant apartment and started his fire, escaping in the confusion which followed. Fifteen families spent the early hours of the day in the street while firemen smothered the blaze.

The oil-soaked floors and staircases were burned out, and until repairs are made the tenants will have to find their way to their front doors by means of ladders.

GET THE MAYOR'S BLESSING.

W. Seward Webb, Jr., and His Bride Call at City Hall.

New York, May 24.—W. Seward Webb, Jr., and his bride, who was Miss Gertrude Gaynor, called upon Mayor Gaynor today for the mayor's blessing and received the parental blessing.

It was the first time the Mayor had seen them since before their marriage at Wilmington, Del., last week. They were with him for only a few minutes, as he was rather busy, and came out smiling and happy.

FOR REFUSING TO TESTIFY.

Arrests Made in Connection With Ohio Bribery Inquiry.

Columbus, O., May 24.—Attorney Charles J. Freitzman, former president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, and E. E. Cook, editor of a Columbus newspaper, were arrested today on a warrant sworn out by Chairman John E. Todd, of the Senate committee of ten appointed to probe the charges of bribery made against members of the Senate.

They had been arrested for refusal to testify before the committee, and the incident practically halted the investigation, and the committee is now confronted with legal technicalities which may take days to settle.

BANKER KILLS HIMSELF

Found Dead in Woods With Gunshot Wound in Heart.

Oxford, N. J., May 24.—Aaron L. Hildebrand, wealthy farmer and director of the Belvidere National Bank, was found dead in a woods near his home with a gunshot wound in his heart, evidently a suicide. Yesterday he had been hunting in the woods, and he did not return in the evening. The intense heat of the early part of the week had a most depressing effect on Hildebrand, and he is supposed to have killed himself. His father is a member of the Warren county board of freeholders.

ROUTED BY A MOUSE.

Women Had Successfully Opposed Telephonic Company, Late Last Night Against a Squad of Twenty Women Property Owners, Who for Twenty-four Hours Had Successfully Prevented the Company from Planting Poles Along a Residence Street in Suburban Brooklyn.

Women had been out in force from early morning, repeatedly routing the workmen with hammers, hot flat irons, brooms and rolling pins, and several times the police were called out in effectual attempts to quiet things down. Finally one of the workmen decided to try strategy. He sneaked around a house and returned with something behind his back. Right in front of the belligerent women he held up a wee gray mouse, and in the confusion which followed the poles were planted without difficulty.

VON PUHL SHOT.

Well Known Acrobat Fatally Injured as Result of Quarrel.

Denver, Col., May 24.—S. Louis von Puhl, of St. Louis, the well known acrobat, was shot three times and perhaps fatally injured; a man named Copeland was shot once and another man named Atkinson was shot once by a quarrel in a hotel to-night. Henwood was arrested.

WASHINGTON MAN SHOTS DOWN WIFE

Washington, D. C., May 24.—Mrs. Gertrude MacDonald, twenty-four years old, of 224 I Street, Northwest, was shot and fatally wounded by her husband, Edward J. MacDonald, at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, in the fifth floor corridor of the Colorado Building.

MacDonald pulled the trigger of the thirty-eight-caliber revolver four times, and three of the bullets penetrated his wife's body, one striking in the mouth, another in the left eye, and a third in the left shoulder. One shell in the revolver missed fire.

Mrs. MacDonald was carried in a five-minute ambulance to the Emergency Hospital, and her husband, who made no attempt to resist arrest, was taken to the First Precinct Police Station.

Mrs. MacDonald was placed on the operating table immediately, but died in less than an hour.

Couple Had Been Separated.

The couple were separated, and they met by appointment this morning in the office of an attorney on the fifth floor of the Colorado Building. Certain moneys were coming to MacDonald, and it was necessary for his wife to sign the papers in order that he might get it.

Whether they were quarreling about this will be known only from the story. MacDonald may tell later, but the first time the man and his wife were noticed was when Miss M. H. Moore, a stenographer employed in the office of George W. Blankenship, was going toward the elevators to go out to lunch. She noticed the couple talking quietly, saw MacDonald take his wife by the arm, MacDonald's remark to his wife was inaudible, but Miss Moore heard Mrs. MacDonald say: "Oh, I guess not," and with the remark Mrs. MacDonald laughed.

WILD WEST SHOW TRAIN WRECKED ON A SWITCH

Four Employees Injured in Accident Yesterday Morning Near Lowell, Mass.

Lowell, Mass., May 24.—A section of the Buffalo Bill Wild West show train was wrecked about eight miles outside of this city early to-day. Four men connected with the show were injured. All will recover.

Shaffer Leeper, of Lewiston, Pa., and Thomas E. Pury, of Philadelphia, were among those injured. The accident occurred near the Brookside station, on the Stony Brook branch of the Boston and Maine Railroad. The circus trains were coming from Fitchburg to this city. The second section, consisting of twenty-eight passenger and animal cars, and carrying 100 people, a large number of animals, had reached the Brookside station and was crossing over the switch leading to a siding. As the train passed over the switch a truck on one of the cars was ripped off, probably by a "split" switch. The next car, the third car, which was carrying the show's animals, was derailed and rolled over on its side, and a fourth car was smashed up when it jumped the track. The wrecked cars contained elephants, horses, burros and buffaloes, as well as a number of men who were in charge of the animals. The men who were hurt were riding in the car that held the buffaloes, and it was necessary to smash a hole in the steel side of the car in order to rescue the imprisoned keepers.

Colonel Cody said that the show's loss by the accident was not extensive.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Temperature 72°; Wind, direction, N. E.; Humidity, 92°; Rainfall, .02; Maximum temperature, 79°; Minimum temperature, 63°; P. M. temperature, 65°; P. M. temperature, 68°; Mean temperature, 70°; Normal temperature, 70°; Deficiency in temperature since March 1, 129°; Accum. deficiency since March 1, 3.58°; Deficiency in rainfall since March 1, .368°.

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